

Collin County  
Going the **Extra Mile (GEM)** Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Laura Thomas

Honoree's Job Title: Accountant/Auditor

Department: County Auditor

Years of Service with the County: 3.5 Years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

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Laura works in our grant accounting and reporting area. Part of her responsibilities include accounting and reporting for the Child Protective Services agency. Laura has spent numerous hours working with the board of directors overseeing the agency to ensure they understand the accounting requirements, including documentation of expenses for the children and the proper purchasing and accounting needs to protect the County and the Board.

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Laura has received numerous compliments from the Board for her ability to train, communicate and relay to them the requirements of the county's policies and procedures.

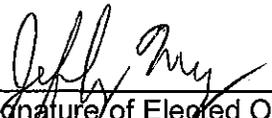
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She changed the process for reimbursement and reporting to expedite the process of reimbursing the foster parents, effectively speeding up the process and improving relations with all parties charged with caring for the children.

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Approved by elected official or department head on the 29 day of January, 2013

  
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Signature of Elected Official  
or Department Head

Jeff May  
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Printed Name